

The

Maddington

Club

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The Maddington Racing Club.

In the 19th century there were many clubs formed so that 'sporting' owners could ride against each other in races, and they and their friends bet on the result. The best known, and longest surviving, was the Bibury Club. Starting in Gloucestershire at Bibury it moved to Burford, Cheltenham, and finally in 1831, to Stockbridge. The club remained there till the course closed, in 1898, and the meeting was transferred to Salisbury where it lost all of its previous charm.

Another club, The Maddington, also held its meetings at Stockbridge after starting elsewhere, Winchester being the first home.

Sadly, of these clubs very little remains in the way of records or correspondence; and not all of the returns from their meetings found their way into Racing Calendars or the local press.

Up to 1804 the Maddington raced at Winchester - on Worthy Down. Winchester racecourse had a long history, running from 1754 [and perhaps earlier] up to 1887. The course was a two mile oval with a six furlong run-in, the first quarter of a mile of which was very much against the collar. In 1805 the Club moved to the 'lower' course at Stockbridge, close to the main road which is now the A30. Later the course was to be relocated a little north and west, but by that time the Maddington meeting had ceased.

The move to Stockbridge was almost certainly due to the efforts of John Day [1768? - 1828]. The Days in their 100 years or so at Stockbridge always had an eye for the main chance and were none too scrupulous in attaining their ends. They trained at Danebury, and of the land they leased part was devoted to the racecourse.

An economic boost was always given to a local community by the arrival of a new race meeting. Local hotels, pubs shops and most other retailers had more business, there was extra employment in the preparation of the course and so on. The 'Club Dinner' was usually the high point of the week, held at the best hotel and with no expense spared.

In the early years of the century the Maddington was usually a three day meeting. For instance in 1803 from Wednesday to Friday the 4th, 5th and 6th

of May. At the time many 'races' were run in heats with a horse having, usually, to win two heats to be declared the winner. So on the Wednesday proceedings finished with 'The Cup', value 30 guineas, which was won after three heats by Sir Henry Cann Lippincott's six year old Fortunio gelding; there were four other races on the card. Thursday followed the same pattern and on Friday the Handicap Plate was a four heat affair, Mr Biggs' Esher being victorious; there were five other races which were in fact matches.¹

Sir Henry and Mr Biggs were, over the years, great supporters of the meeting.

The full returns for a typical Maddington at Stockbridge meeting, the three day affair in 1809, are given below. There are some note-worthy aspects. All the races were contested by amateur riders, 'gentlemen'.² Most of the races were for 'stayers' with only three races less than two miles. In the opening race on the Thursday Rambler carried ten stone four and a half pounds. Decades later Admiral Rous created a weight-for-age scale that included weights to eight ounces, but I think in this case we can put down the odd weight to after dinner match making!

Also below is a list of Maddington Club owners and riders. This is by no means complete due to the lack of detail in the returns.

It is to be hoped that in future that the papers of the Club will turn up. The last traceable meeting was in 1821, though for half a century after it was still remembered with affection.

Should you have any information you think might add to the picture or have a question about the Maddington and Bibury Clubs or Stockbridge racecourse and the people associated with them please contact me at:

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¹ A Match is a race between two runners.

² A major change, one much regretted by traditionalists, was in 1815 when professional riders were allowed in certain races at Maddington and Bibury Club meetings.

1809
MADDINGTON MEETING.
 {Over the Stockbridge Course}

{These are the returns for the meeting compiled from various sources. The superscript number after the horses' name refers to the owners who are listed below the race. Other notes about a horse are in superscript letters. For ease of reading betting is rendered in modern form and l., in race conditions etc, £, otherwise the results are as returned in 1809. gs = guineas -ECG}

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

MATCH for One Hundred Guineas.— 2 Miles.

Prospero ¹	10-0	Mr Germain	1
Bucephalus ²	10-0	Mr Douglas	2

¹Lord Sackville, ²Mr Trevanion's
 Winner ch h by Whiskey
 6/4on Prospero.—Won by a head.

THE MADDINGTON STAKES of 25gs. each, for horses, etc.— 4 Miles.

Barbarian ¹	5y 10-9	Mr Germain	1
Grimaldi ²	a 11-2	Mr Pigott	2
Bucephalus ³	a 11-8	Mr Douglas	3
Rubens ⁴	5y 10-9	Mr Wyndham	4
-br c by Gouty ⁵ x	4y 9-0	Mr Draper.	5

¹Mr Bouverie, ²Mr Goulburn, ³Mr Trevanion, ⁴Mr Dundas, ⁵Mr Rush.
 Winner br h by Worthy. xout of Mademoiselle.
 Four Subscribers paid 15gs. forfeit each, and six who declared, etc. 5gs. each.
 Grimaldi the favourite, and 6/4 Barbarian.
 A good race.

MATCH for 100gs.— 2 Miles.

Rosario ¹	10-0	Mr Douglas	1
Gammon ²	10-0	Mr Germain	2

¹Sir J Hawkins, ²Mr Trevanion.
 Winner by Ambrosio.
 5/4on Gammon.—Won by half a length.

SWEEPSTAKES of 10gs. each, with 25gs. added, for horses, etc.— 2 Miles.—Six Subscribers.
 Lord Sackville's gr c Snail, by Stamford, received forfeit; and Sir J Hawkins's Rosario withdrew stakes.

Mr Goddard's Mountaineer, by Magic, 12st 3lb,

received forfeit from Mr. Goulburn's Grimaldi, 12st — 4 Miles, 200gs h ft.

THURSDAY, MAY 25.

MATCH for 25gs.—Red-Post Home.

Ploughboy ¹	10-9	Owner	1
Rambler ²	10-4½	-	2

¹Mr Pigott, ²Mr Douglas.
 Winner b g by Volunteer.
 Won by a neck.

THE CLARET STAKES of 20gs, each, with 25gs. added, for horses, etc.— 2¼ miles—Five Subscribers.

Prospero ¹	a 11-7	Mr Germain	1
Mountaineer ²	a 11-7	Mr Douglas	2

¹Lord Sackville, ²Mr Goddard
 Winner ch h by Whiskey.
 7/4on Prospero.— Won easy.

SWEEPSTAKES of 5gs. each, with 50gs. added, for horses, etc.—3 Miles.—Twenty Subscribers

Romeo ¹	5y 11-6	Mr Draper	1
Snail ²	4y 10-7	Mr Germain	2
Ploughboy ³	6y 11-11	Owner	3
Rosario ⁴	5y 11-6	Mr Douglas	4

¹Mr Goulburn, ²Lord Sackville, ³Mr Pigott, ⁴Sir J Hawkins.
 Winner ch h by Vernator.
 5/4on Snail.—Won by a length.—Rosario fell lame.

FIFTY POUNDS, for horses, etc. of all ages.—Heats, 2¼ Miles.

Mountaineer ¹	a 11-6	Mr Douglas	1	1
Red-Cross Knight ²	4y 10-0	Mr Germain	2	2

¹Mr Goddard, ²Mr Bouverie.
 Winner b h by Magic.
 5/4on Mountaineer.— Each heat was won by a head.

FRIDAY, MAY 26.

MATCH for 100gs.— 2¼ Miles.

Barbarian ¹	10-7	Mr Germain	1
Romeo ²	10-7	Mr Douglas	2

¹Mr Bouverie, ²Mr Goulburn.
 Winner br h by Worthy.
 6/4on Barbarian.— Won by a neck.

MATCH for 25gs.— Red-Post Home.

Red-Cross Knight ¹	11-0	Mr Germain	1
Harry-behind ²	9-7	-	2

¹Mr Bouverie, ²Colonel Draper
 Winner br c by St. George.
 Won easy.

HANDICAP PLATE of £50—Heats, the last Mile.

Romeo ¹	5y 11-4	Mr Germain	1	1
Ploughboy ²	6y 11-8	Owner	4	2
Harry-behind ³	5y 9-4	Mr Draper	3	3
Rambler ⁴	5y 10-10	Mr Douglas	2	dr

¹Mr Goulburn, ²Mr Pigott, ³Mr Rush, ⁴Mr Douglas
 Winner ch h by Vernator.
 Even betting between Romeo and Ploughboy.
 — A good race.

Mr Goulburn's Grimaldi, by Delpini, 11st 7lb received 10gs. from Mr Bouverie's Wood-Dæmon, 9st 13lb.— 3 Miles. 100gs h ft.

Mr Goulburn's Romeo, by Vernator, 9st 12lb received forfeit from Sir H Lippincott's Chaise-and-One, 10st 4lb. — 2 Miles. 50gs h ft.

Maddington Club – The Owners & Riders.

{Please note that the returns often do not indicate the rider – even of winning horses. As one of the purposes of the Club was to give the chance for race riding it is therefore safe to assume that most noted as 'owners' also took part in at least one race as a rider.}

	O.	R.
Lord Aylesbury {scarlet, yellow sleeves, black cap}	√	
Lord F Bentinck {white, black sleeves and cap}	√	
Lord Brooke {blue, red stripe}	√	
Lord Graves {orange. Black cap}	√	
Lord Oxford {green & gold, black cap}	√	

Lord Sackville {white, black cap}	√	
Lord Somerset C. {light blue, black cap from 1810 previously deep orange black cap}	√	
Lord Somerset E. -	√	
Sir W Call {purple & yellow stripe, purple cap}	√	
Sir J Cope -	√	
Sir J Hawkins -	√	
Sir H Lippincott {white, black seams and cap}	√	

Lord Sackville {white, black cap}	√	
Gen Lumley -		√
Col Draper -	√	√
Col Kingscott {straw, black cap}	√	
Maj Pigott [Major Pigot {all black}]	√	

Mr Bacon {black & blue stripe}	√	
Mr Best -	√	
Mr Bigges -	√	
Mr H Biggs {green, red cap. From 1832 gold buttons added}	√	
Mr Bouverie ³	√	
Mr Bullock ⁴	√	
Mr Byndloss {yellow satin, black cap}	√	
Mr J J Calley -	√	
Mr T Calley {black & yellow stripe, black cap}	√	
Mr Cope -	√	
Mr Craven {white, red cap}	√	
Mr Douglas {1805 gold coloured body, black sleeves & cap 1807 yellow, black sleeves and cap}	√	√
Mr E A Draper -	√	√
Mr C Dundas {light blue, orange cap}	√	
Mr I Elton {yellow, black cap}	√	
Mr Farquharson {red, black cap}	√	
Mr Fellowes {pink, black cap}	√	
Mr G Germain -	√	√
Mr George -	√	
Mr Glover {all white}	√	
Mr Goddard {white, blue seams and cap}	√	
Mr Graeme {lilac, black cap}	√	
Mr Gulburn -	√	
Mr J Haffenden {1817 Rose-coloured body, black sleeves 1826 Crimson body and cap. Black sleeves}	√	
Mr J C Hawkins -	√	
Mr Herbert {white, blue sleeves, red cap}	√	
Mr Howorth {black, white cap}	√	
Mr Hunt -	√	
Mr King {red, yellow sleeves, black cap}	√	

3 This is probably Mr Charles H Bouverie whose colours were: 1808 Brown body, orange sleeves, and brown cap tied with an orange ribbon 1811 Brown, orange sleeves, brown cap 1818 Orange, black stripe, black cap 1822 Orange, brown stripe, black cap.

4 This is probably Mr Thomas Bullock whose colours were 1783 Straw trimmed with purple 1792 Green waistcoat with white sleeves, black cap

Mr Kneller -	√	
Mr Lindow { <i>pink, black cap</i> }		√
Mr Miles ⁵	√	
Mr A M Mills { <i>all blue ?</i> }	√	
Mr J L Newnham -	√	
Mr N W Peach -	√	
Mr Pickering -	√	
Mr G Pigott ⁶	√	√
Mr Pryse { <i>blue, white sleeves, black cap</i> }	√	
Mr Radcliffe, Delme { <i>light blue, scarlet trim, black cap</i> }	√	√
Mr Radclyffe { <i>light blue, scarlet trim, black cap</i> }	√	
Mr Rawlinson { <i>pink, black cap</i> }	√	
Mr Rich -	√	
Mr Rush { <i>black, red cap</i> }	√	
Mr Scrope { <i>white, blue seams, sleeves and cap</i> }	√	
Mr Stacpoole -	√	
Mr J Taylor -	√	
Mr Trevanion ⁷	√	
Mr Villbois -	√	
Mr R W Walker { <i>pink, black cap</i> }	√	
Mr G Worrall -	√	√
Mr S Worrall { <i>white, scarlet cap</i> }	√	
Mr Wyndham { <i>yellow, blue cap</i> }		√



⁵ This is probably Mr P J Miles, red black cap.

⁶ This could be Captain G Pigott, 1806 Black 1807 Black waistcoat with cap the same, and rose-coloured riband

⁷ This is probably Mr J B Trevanion, white, yellow sleeves.